



Albert Park Greenspace Re-design

What We Heard Report – June 2026

Park re-design seeking to alleviate local flooding in the community of Albert Park, between 12 Ave SE to 14 Ave SE and 26 St SE to 27 St SE.



Project overview

This drainage improvement project seeks to alleviate local flooding in the community of Albert Park, between 12 Ave SE to 14 Ave SE and 26 St SE to 27 St SE, which regularly experiences flooding during intense rainstorms.

This project will create a dry pond in a local greenspace and make adjacent storm sewer improvements. The project's goal is to mitigate flood impacts to nearby properties.

Redeveloping Albert Park's greenspace is an opportunity for nearby residents to share their thoughts on park amenities.

This drainage improvement is a high priority for the City. We are pleased to be proceeding with detailed design in 2026. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

As part of redeveloping Albert Park's greenspace to accommodate a dry pond, we want to know how the community currently uses the space and what future uses could be envisioned, within the constraints of meeting stormwater management goals.

Ultimately, our goal is to accommodate a greenspace that is not only functional for drainage purposes but also for recreational and leisure use, while considering constraints on allowable uses and the need to align with budget and space availability.

How we connected

We developed an engagement page at [Albert Park greenspace re-design | Engage](#) to seek public feedback on elements of the park redesign. This page was open for input from April 10, 2026 through May 25, 2026. We received 222 visitors to the site and 41 contributors who chose to provide input on the survey questions.

To promote the project page we delivered 1000 postcards across the west side of the Albert Park-Radisson Heights neighbourhood that surrounds the park. We also connected with the Albert Park Radisson Heights Community Association and ward office to assist in promotion via their communication channels.

We provided a site map (shown below) to show the overall park redesign concept.



This park redesign balances community use with site constraints such as flood mitigation and utilities. A flexible central lawn functions as stormwater management during peak events and as open greenspace when dry. Retaining pathways, existing trees where possible and the playground via relocation were considerations addressed with the design concept.

What we asked / what we heard

This section is divided into an overview summary of responses as well as the detailed section which shows each specific question and answers provided.

High-level themes / summary of responses

Playground options (key factors)

Community favors structured play, but with natural elements integrated.

- More variety of activities
- Support a broader age range (toddlers → teens)
- Interest in better value and more usable

Open space considerations

Soccer is a core community use and must be preserved in any redesign.

- Do not lose existing soccer space
- Permanent or semi-permanent nets
- Maintain open field usability

More shade structures and seating

- Supports parent supervision
- Community use

Safety and security should be considered in design

- Good visibility through lighting and sightlines
- Thoughtful placement of seating areas

General support for park redesign, as drainage issues have been an ongoing problem

- The community is highly engaged and focused on practical, everyday use of the space
- The redesign should prioritize function, inclusivity and preservation of existing high-use activities, particularly soccer, while addressing infrastructure needs

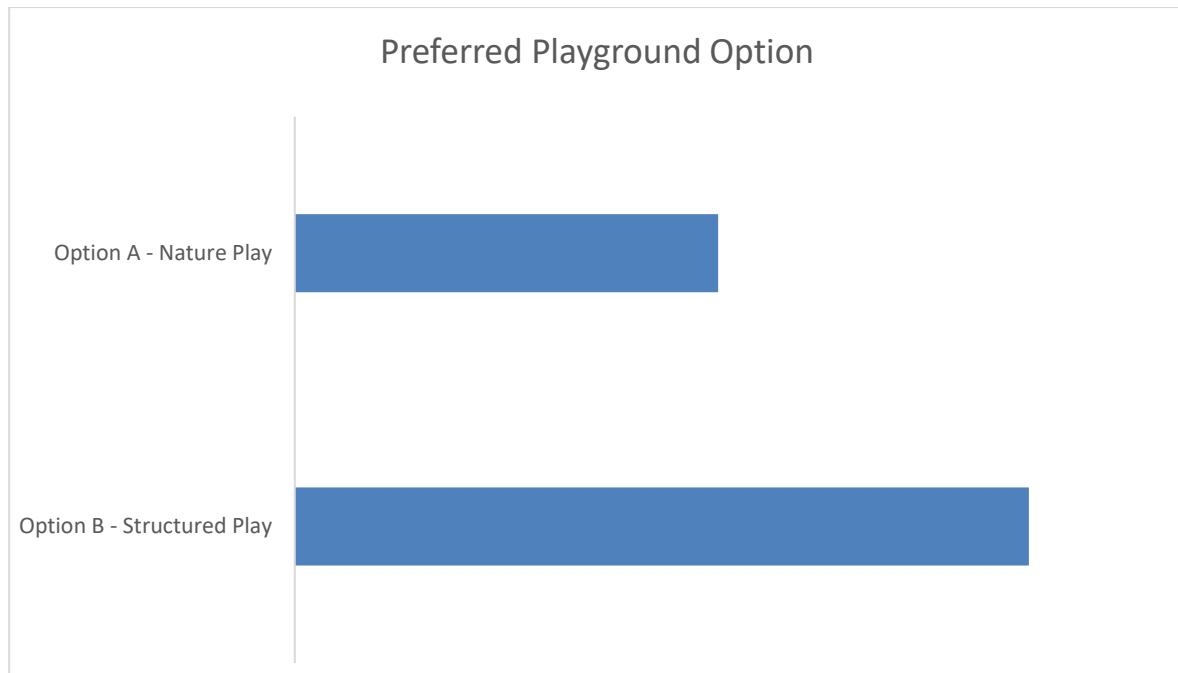
Detailed summary of responses

The following shows the questions we asked in the online survey and the detailed responses received. Questions were intended to better understand who is using this space and for what purposes, along with preferred options in redesign process.

All comments are presented in verbatim form with no changes to spelling or grammar.

What we asked / what we heard:

Which of the two playground options do you prefer?

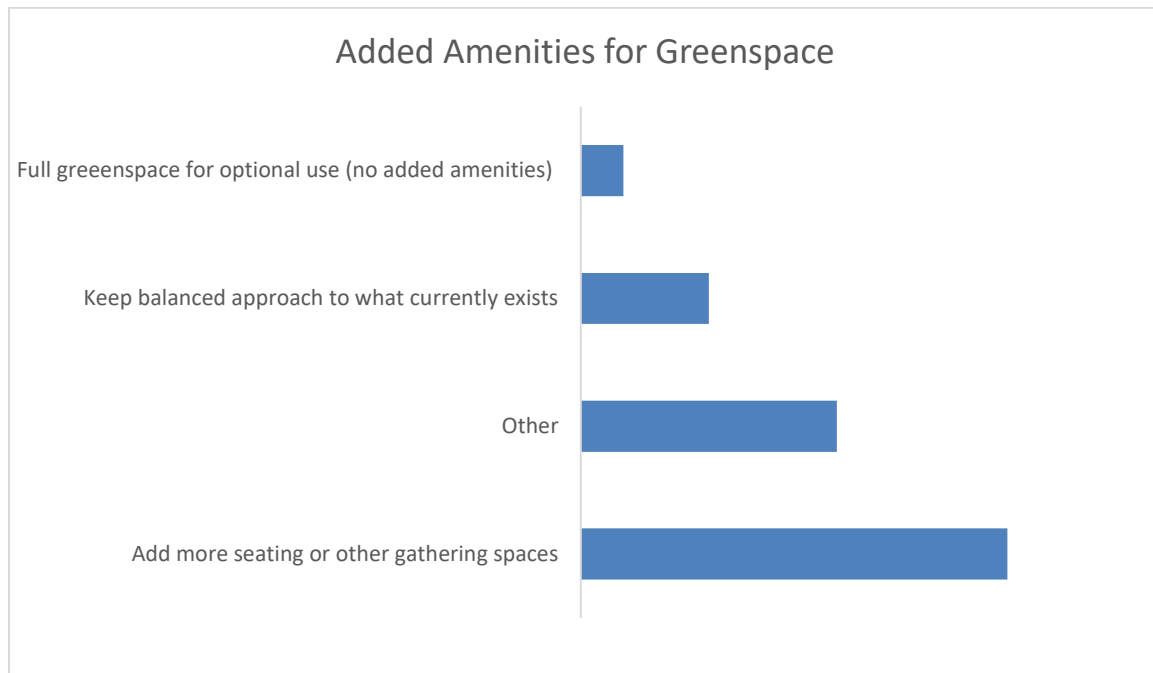


Please tell us why you chose your option above (is there a specific reason)?

I like the intention and type of features.
There are already structured play playgrounds in the area, so this introduces variety. The simplicity of the equipment help spark the imagination of kids. Lots more reasons.
I like the shade structure and that there are infant swings.
Offers more play structures and the shade structure gives parents a place to sit, eat etc.
More equipment, larger play surface
It is not so much of an eye sore to residents who use the park but do not use the playground (ie. adults with no children)
I think that elements of both can be incorporated. However I think that the community may appreciate a structured playground, as it may convey a sense that more investment has been made.
Option B looks better, the swings are distanced from the rest of the play, there is a shade for sitting area
Seems more versatile - more ways to play
Lots of kids from toddlers to teens use this park. The nature play design does not offer enough for the volume and ages of kids that use it. Even option B is worse than what is currently available although it is the better one. More swings and open space.
There are more opportunities and play things for bigger kids too. It would be

way better for all ages.
It suitable for other aged, older kids as well.
I believe the Structured Play would be used more frequently in our community. There is a lack of play spaces in our community of Albert Park and this design offers both accessibility and flexibility based on child ability. Will help build PT skills.
Firm believer of bringing nature into our everyday surroundings.
Because the 'structures' there now are are not used as much as the N Soccer/field . Where they gonna play now. Why are you not using that lower level.land on the south side of the sidewalk in front of the community building.
Perhaps better drainage
It offers more variety for all walks of life
There will be more things to physically do at the park
It helps in modernizing the playground
More traditional playground
The prganic play structures and non-prescriptive elements are nice for sensory and learning exploration for kids. It would be nice for Option A to also have the covered seating area of Option B.
For kids play
It's different from the majority of playgrounds and it looks like thrrrs an adaptive swing for kids with disabilities
blends in better and less jarring
I prefer Option B (Structured Play) for its diverse activities and organized layout. Unlike Option A, it offers specific zones for sensory play, group swings, and climbing, catering to different ages and interests. The "clear zones of activity" ensure bet
Looks more fun!
Hammocks
This supports the overall concept of a 'natural' park, which manages rainfall on its own and resembles a natural landscape.
I own a condo in Alberta park condos right next to the park and I have 2 kids and my friends also own condo and each one family have 2 kids and more number of kids and seen lot of kids coming to this park that why I preferred structured play
MORE ACTICITY FOR CHILDREN
We like the ding dong swing, shaded seating area, variety of play structures. We wish it also had a slide but agree there is lots of options for dynamic, creative play with this design.
I like the swings
more engaging.
I would ideally like a combination, but believe the structured play options are easier to maintain over time. I would love for the playground to be inclusive of a variety of ages and abilities
Valley view park . Alive with birds , not just grass

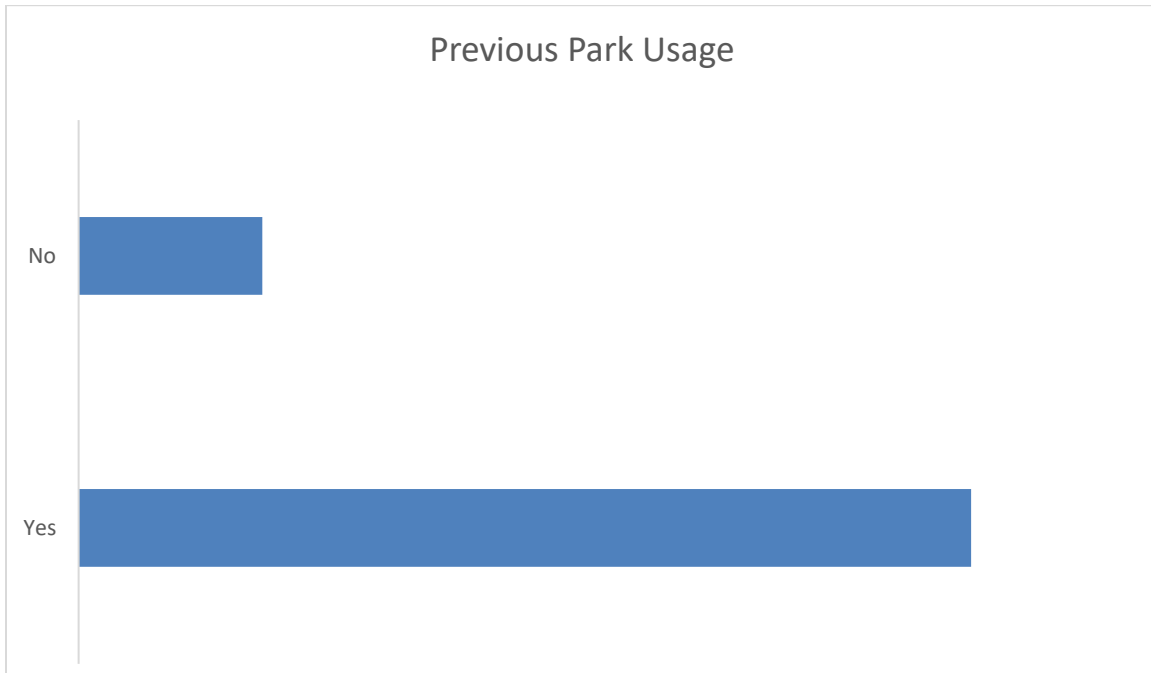
What amenities could be added to improve your experience while using the greenspace?



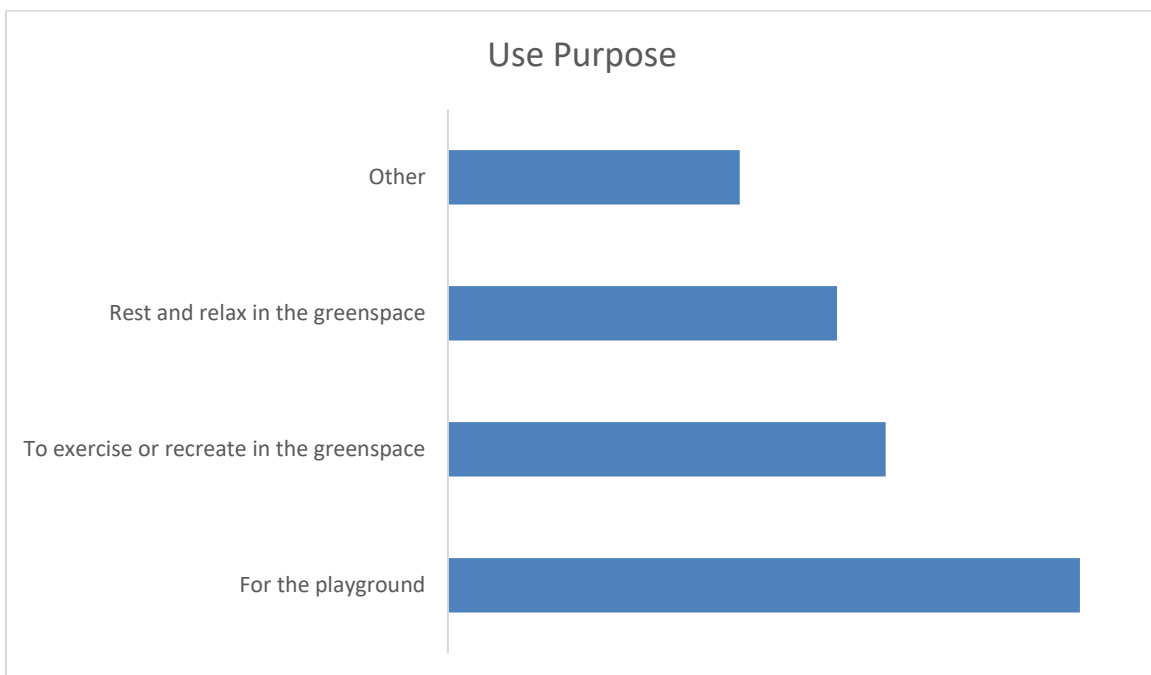
Comments pertaining to “other” choice option:

Consider other option (clicking here will open text box to provide your idea)
Wet pond . There was 1 along the east of 13 ave and west of 26 st b4 the trees were planted
Please consider adding more swings and more seating (while considering that deterrents so that gathering spaces are not abused by people drinking/doing drugs/setting up encampments as often happens in this area)
Add more large trees for the shade
basic exercise stations and noise control buffers (high priority, currently very loud)
Proper practice field'ie soccer's
Built in & maintained soccer nets. If you have spent any time in this area, kids come from blocks away to play soccer. On any nice day there are often children from 4-18 playing soccer in this green space, I hope this dry pond does not remove this space.
Adding a splash area for hot summer days, and a basketball court for teens. There is unused area behind the community centre.
Changes to the spaces beside and behind the community centre
A skate park / pump track as they are probably the best use case along with a playground to actually get the community out using the park and gathering.

Have you used this space in the past?



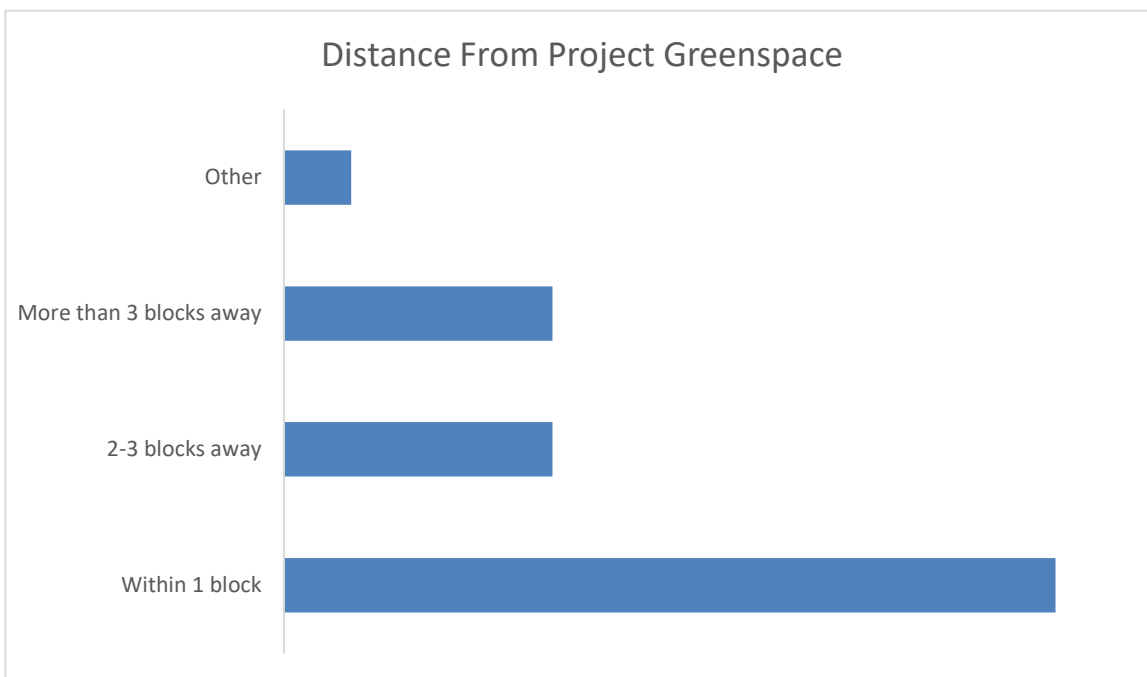
If you have used this space before, what did you come here for?



Comments pertaining to “other” choice option:

i take my dog for walks in this park and the children in the area use it frequently for soccer.
Teaching young child to ride bicycle
Walk. Rest. Relax
Needed changes for the teens: The community garden area → to a “Splash Area” (top-left green section) The centennial garden → to a “Basketball Court” (top-right green section)
I make the park a part of my daily dog walk route
Just passing through

How far from this park space do you live?



Are there other comments you would like to make regarding this space for us to consider in the redesign process?

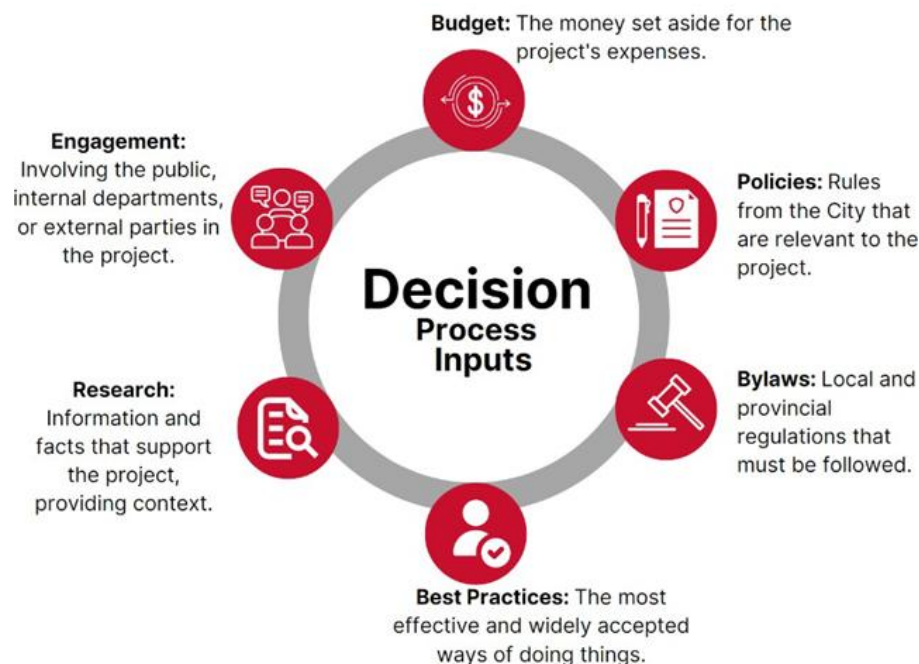
There is a spring around here and water comes out by maxbell arena . Make use of the spring. Mike 403 969 7159 have lived in this community for30 + years
I would love a space where kids feel inspired and are able to have fun and be kids. The space doesn't have to be overly structured, but there should be something for little kids (toddlers) and older kids (up to 12). However, Teens also need something to do
a permanent soccer set up or some type of basket ball set up would be nice. the children in

the community are not as excited about hockey buy love soccer. i think the hockey area in beside the community centre would be better used for these sports.
Maybe a public stage with keyed access to electricity similar to what Unit Park on 17ave se has
I HOPE THE DRAINAGE WON'T CREATE A POND. IT WOULD CATCH DEBRIS, ALSO BREADIKNG GROUND FOR MOSQUITOS
More structured play area
Please ensure clear zoning by separating the active play area from quiet zones using landscaping. It is also essential to provide full accessibility for people with disabilities and limited mobility throughout all park routes and facilities
I like the shaded seating area of option 2 mixed with the rest of the park of option 1
I live in the Albert Park condominiums right next to this park. Storm water mitigation is LONG OVERDUE! Our condo has suffered flood damage twice over the years, wrecking our hot water tanks, and then our elevator room. Please, complete this project fast!
add noise control buffers as shrieking children can be heard by entire neighborhood, very disruptive to peace and forced to close windows
Consider adaptive equipment for kids with disabilities
It is good
For kids
Would be great to have more greenery and trees. Kids would appreciate even a single soccer net in the greenspace if possible.
Add something to the greenspace that is intended to be the dry pond so it's not just an empty space.
We would like to see a small space assigned for cricket as well
Keep it simple & useable for young to adult
The area around the swing sets flood regularly and it is nice to know that the situation is being resolved as opposed to me being the one to constantly call 311
40Yrs flooding. >.need..--wider sidewalks that are cleared in winter very important. Move dry to sunk area N end park so kids keep soccer field.
It would be amazing if this had a space for everyone, picnic space, nature play structures, space for kids to play soccer, adult exercise equipment to give all access. The pathway is used for people walking their dogs as well as kids learning how to bike
Build a gazebo or pergola with benches to allow shade seating for parents supervising the kids at the playground. Plant more deciduous ornamental trees. Add more trash cans for dog's waste.
This space is utilized frequently and daily for soccer and picnics because of its central location in the community and safety. This should be factored in the design as this is how the space is currently being used.
Yes, please add a taller climbing wall for older kids and perhaps a sand area too. Please dont allow dogs into the park because everyday we seen dog poop everywhere in the park.
We love option B for the playground, I have asked my kids. If you could add maybe a climbing wall too that would be great and those round swings. Thank you so much
There is a high volume of kids that use the playground, as well as the greenspace for soccer. There is a high amount of crime in the neighbourhood, so the space should have good visibility (not too many trees and bush) and lighting
Keep the soccer field, Also add signs for dog owners to pick up after their dogs
This park and playground sees more use than any other playground I've lived near. It is vitally important to the community that kids be able to play soccer, the way they already do, in the new design.

Nope! I live right beside the park and am so happy to hear of any re-development! Re-designing and making this space more welcoming in any way possible is a positive for me :)
Small soccer nets for the local kids. Make the playground equipment bigger / higher for older kids to use too.
Add a full playground and seating.
With the new development at the former school area in Radisson Heights, my family is looking for alternative options to the green space we lost. Albert Park is not much further for us.
Good quality materials that align with the solutions for stormwater management

How feedback fits in

Public input is important, but it’s one piece of the puzzle. Many inputs go into our decision process as shown in the graphic below. The intent of the public input is to define where questions are asked, and comments received can influence the project decisions.



Next steps

The project team will review these results and develop a final concept design for the greenspace. Consideration will be given to all of the inputs and factors in creating a greenspace that is not only functional for drainage purposes, but also for recreational and leisure use. When the design process is complete, we will post the final concept on this page.